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SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the hunting and fishing licenses are issued by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

This bill would be known as the "Wildlife Heritage Act of 2007" and would increase the fees for the issuance of hunting and fishing licenses. This bill would further provide for a Resident All Game Hunting License or a Resident Small Game Hunting License and the increase of the fees for such a license. This bill would also create a Wildlife Heritage License for hunting, fishing and conservation of wildlife species.

Under existing law, certain hunter education certification is required for obtaining hunting licenses. This bill further provides for those requirements, the course of instruction, and for the issuance of a "supervision required" license under certain circumstances.

Amendment 621 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 111.05 of the

1 Official ReCompilation of the Constitution of  
2 Alabama of 1901, as amended, prohibits a general  
3 law whose purpose or effect would be to require a  
4 new or increased expenditure of local funds from  
5 becoming effective with regard to a local  
6 governmental entity without enactment by a 2/3 vote  
7 unless: it comes within one of a number of  
8 specified exceptions; it is approved by the  
9 affected entity; or the Legislature appropriates  
10 funds, or provides a local source of revenue, to  
11 the entity for the purpose.

12 The purpose or effect of this bill would be  
13 to require a new or increased expenditure of local  
14 funds within the meaning of the amendment. However,  
15 the bill does not require approval of a local  
16 governmental entity or enactment by a 2/3 vote to  
17 become effective because it comes within one of the  
18 specified exceptions contained in the amendment.

19  
20 A BILL

21 TO BE ENTITLED

22 AN ACT

23  
24 Relating to hunting and fishing licenses issued by  
25 the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources; to enact  
26 the "Wildlife Heritage Act of 2007;" to amend Sections  
27 9-11-32, 9-11-44, 9-11-44.1, 9-11-45, 9-11-46, 9-11-47,

1 9-11-48, 9-11-49, 9-11-51, 9-11-53, 9-11-55, 9-11-56, 9-11-65,  
2 and 9-11-65.2, Code of Alabama 1975; to increase the fees for  
3 various licenses; to allow a cost adjustment for license fees  
4 and issuance fees beginning with the license year October 1,  
5 2010; to prohibit a person from hunting, fishing, or trapping  
6 when the person's license has been revoked or suspended; to  
7 provide penalties for certain violations; to establish a  
8 supervision required license and Wildlife Heritage License; to  
9 repeal Sections 9-11-53.2, 9-11-53.4, 9-11-56.3, 9-11-57,  
10 9-11-65.1, and 9-11-67, Code of Alabama 1975, in their  
11 entirety; and in connection therewith would have as its  
12 purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased  
13 expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Amendment 621  
14 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as  
15 Section 111.05 of the Official Recompilation of the  
16 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended.

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

18 Section 1. Sections 9-11-32, 9-11-44, 9-11-44.1,  
19 9-11-45, 9-11-46, 9-11-47, 9-11-48, 9-11-49, 9-11-51, 9-11-53,  
20 9-11-55, 9-11-56, 9-11-65, and 9-11-65.2, Code of Alabama  
21 1975, are amended to read as follows:

22 "§9-11-32.

23 ~~"Except as provided in this section, all licenses~~  
24 Unless specifically provided otherwise by law, all annual  
25 wildlife heritage, hunting, and fishing licenses issued  
26 pursuant to this chapter shall be dated when issued and shall  
27 authorize the person named on the license to ~~hunt or fish from~~

1 ~~October 1~~ participate in the licensed activities from  
2 September 1 or the date of issuance to the next ~~September 30~~  
3 August 31, and then only within the regulations and  
4 restrictions provided by law. ~~The license year for the hunting~~  
5 ~~licenses provided for in Sections 9-11-44, 9-11-46, 9-11-47,~~  
6 ~~9-11-48, and 9-11-49 shall begin on August 1 of each year and~~  
7 ~~shall end on July 31 of the next year, and the fishing~~  
8 ~~licenses provided for in Sections 9-11-53, 9-11-53.1,~~  
9 ~~9-11-53.2, 9-11-55 and the annual nonresident saltwater~~  
10 ~~fishing license provided by Section 9-11-55.2 and the annual~~  
11 ~~nonresident combination saltwater-freshwater fishing license~~  
12 ~~provided by Section 9-11-55.3 shall expire one year from the~~  
13 ~~date of issuance.~~

14 "§9-11-44.

15 "(a) Any person who is age 16 or older, but who has  
16 not reached age 65, who has resided in Alabama continuously  
17 for a period of not less than 90 days next preceding, and who  
18 is not serving as a member of the Armed Forces of the United  
19 States of America during any period of time in which the  
20 United States of America is in a state of war, as declared by  
21 an act of Congress, shall procure an annual ~~state hunting~~  
22 ~~license~~ Resident All-Game Hunting License before the person is  
23 entitled to hunt in this state by filing an application with  
24 the person in any county of the state duly authorized to issue  
25 the license, stating his or her name, age, place of residence,  
26 post office address, and after paying to the person issuing  
27 the license a license fee of ~~fifteen dollars (\$15)~~

1 twenty-three dollars (\$23), plus an issuance fee of one dollar  
2 (\$1), which fees shall be subject to adjustment as provided  
3 for in Section 2 of the act adding this language. Any Alabama  
4 resident age 16 through 64, in lieu of purchasing the resident  
5 all-game hunting license may procure an annual Resident Small  
6 Game Hunting License to hunt all legal game in this state  
7 except deer and turkey. The license fee shall be fifteen  
8 dollars (\$15), plus an issuance fee of one dollar (\$1), which  
9 fees shall be subject to adjustment as provided for in Section  
10 2 of the act adding this language. Notwithstanding the  
11 foregoing, a member of the United States military stationed in  
12 Alabama on active duty, and his or her spouse and their  
13 dependents who reside with them, shall be deemed to be an  
14 Alabama resident residents for the purposes of procuring this  
15 license these licenses. The person may procure a county  
16 hunting license by filing an application with the person in  
17 the county in which he or she permanently resides, duly  
18 authorized to issue the license, stating as provided above,  
19 and after paying to the person issuing same a license fee of  
20 seven dollars fifty cents (\$7.50).

21 "Persons obtaining the resident all-game hunting  
22 license or the resident small game hunting license shall also  
23 be entitled to all of the privileges of the wildlife heritage  
24 license.

25 "(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any  
26 resident 64 years of age procuring a state or county resident  
27 hunting license pursuant to this section shall be issued the

1 license on a lifetime basis. License fees from the sale of a  
2 lifetime license pursuant to this subsection to a resident age  
3 64 shall be deposited to the credit of the Alabama Game and  
4 Fish Endowment Fund within the Game and Fish Fund.

5 "(c) All persons making application for an annual  
6 state hunting license as provided in this section shall  
7 present a valid Alabama driver license or in the case of  
8 nondrivers, proof of permanent residence. All licenses  
9 required by this section shall bear the Alabama driver license  
10 number of the licensee, except in the case of nondrivers and  
11 active duty military personnel stationed in Alabama and their  
12 spouses and dependents who reside with them, and all licenses  
13 shall bear proof of residence as required by the Commissioner  
14 of Conservation and Natural Resources. Active duty military  
15 personnel stationed in Alabama and their spouses and  
16 dependents who reside with them shall provide military orders  
17 that assign them to Alabama.

18 "Every person who obtains an annual ~~state~~ hunting  
19 license without presenting a valid Alabama driver license or  
20 in the case of nondrivers, proof of permanent residence, or  
21 who provides any false information in the process of procuring  
22 the license, shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor  
23 punishable ~~punished by a fine of not less than twice the~~  
24 ~~amount of the required license~~ as provided by law.

25 "(d) The licenses required by this section shall not  
26 apply to any ~~person~~ resident or resident member of his or her  
27 immediate family who hunts on lands owned by him or her, nor

1 shall it include any tenant or member of his or her immediate  
2 family who hunts on lands leased or rented by the tenant and  
3 who resides on the lands, nor any resident of this state on  
4 active military duty who is in this state on leave and who has  
5 proof of that status in his or her possession.

6 "(e) All persons under the age of 16 shall be  
7 exempted from the requirement of procuring the licenses. Any  
8 resident of this state ~~over~~ 65 years of age and older shall be  
9 exempted from the requirement of procuring a hunting license  
10 as provided for in this section, provided that the resident  
11 has on his or her person while hunting, proof of age, or, in  
12 the case of nondrivers, proof of permanent Alabama residence  
13 and age.

14 "(f) The licenses shall not be transferable, and it  
15 shall be unlawful to borrow, lend, or alter any license, or  
16 for any license-issuing officer to falsify any license at the  
17 time of issuing this license. A violation of this subsection  
18 shall constitute a Class B misdemeanor punishable as provided  
19 by law.

20 "§9-11-44.1.

21 "(a) It shall be unlawful for any person born on or  
22 after August 1, 1977, and of 16 years of age or older, or his  
23 or her agent, to procure any annual, ~~or trip, or wildlife~~  
24 heritage hunting license ~~provided for in this section~~ unless  
25 the person has been issued and exhibits to the issuing agent  
26 at the time of purchasing any annual, ~~or trip, or wildlife~~  
27 heritage hunting license, a certification of satisfactory



1 completion by the person of a hunter education course approved  
2 by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. The  
3 person shall only be required to exhibit the certification at  
4 the time of purchase of his or her initial license. The  
5 exhibition of the certification shall not be required at the  
6 time of purchase of subsequent licenses if the person exhibits  
7 to the issuing agent at the time of purchase a license which  
8 was issued by this state to him or her in a previous year.  
9 Notwithstanding the foregoing, active duty U.S. military  
10 personnel, Alabama residents who are active members of the  
11 National Guard of the United States, and persons certified by  
12 the Alabama Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission  
13 as law enforcement officers who are employed by a law  
14 enforcement agency, as the terms are defined in Section  
15 36-21-40, upon submission of proof of that status, shall be  
16 exempt from this requirement. The Commissioner of Conservation  
17 and Natural Resources may provide by regulation for the  
18 specific proof requirements.

19 "(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (a),  
20 it shall be unlawful for any person authorized to issue  
21 hunting licenses in this state to issue any annual, ~~or trip,~~  
22 or wildlife heritage hunting license ~~provided for in this~~  
23 ~~section~~ to any person born on or after August 1, 1977, or his  
24 or her agent, unless that license agent shall have been  
25 provided with a certification of satisfactory completion by  
26 the person of a hunter education course approved by the  
27 Department of Conservation and Natural Resources or in lieu of

1     a certification a license issued by the state to the person in  
2     a previous year.

3             "(c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (a),  
4     it shall be unlawful for any person born on or after August 1,  
5     1977, of 16 years of age or older, to hunt in the State of  
6     Alabama pursuant to any Alabama lifetime hunting or Alabama  
7     lifetime hunting and fishing license, without the person first  
8     obtaining a certification of satisfactory completion by the  
9     person of a hunter education course approved by the Department  
10    of Conservation and Natural Resources.

11            "(d) It shall be unlawful for any person or his or  
12    her agent to wrongfully or fraudulently obtain or issue this  
13    certification.

14            "(e) The Commissioner of the Department of  
15    Conservation and Natural Resources may provide by regulation  
16    the procedure whereby the department may revoke or cancel any  
17    hunting license and/or hunter education certification upon  
18    determination that the holder thereof was not entitled to  
19    issuance or obtained the license or certification by any  
20    fraudulent means. Upon revocation or cancellation, the holder  
21    thereof shall surrender the license and/or certification to  
22    the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

23            "(f) The Department of Conservation and Natural  
24    Resources, Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries,  
25    shall prescribe a course of instruction in competency and  
26    safety in hunting and in the handling of ~~weapons~~ firearms and  
27    archery equipment. The Division of Wildlife and Freshwater

1 Fisheries shall also prescribe procedures whereby competent  
2 residents of this state shall be certified as hunter education  
3 instructors. The Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries  
4 may approve hunter education courses from other jurisdictions.

5 "(g) Any person violating any provision of this  
6 section shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor.

7 "(h) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of  
8 this section, a person may obtain any required trip, annual,  
9 or wildlife heritage hunting license without the  
10 above-required certification, but shall only be entitled to  
11 hunt under a "supervision required" status, which shall be  
12 noted on the face of the license, under which the person may  
13 only hunt under the supervision of another person otherwise  
14 meeting the requirements of subsection (a) as a licensed or  
15 otherwise lawful hunter aged 21 or older who is not the holder  
16 of the "supervision required" license. For the purposes of  
17 this subdivision, "supervision" shall mean under the normal  
18 voice control, not to exceed 30 feet, of the supervising  
19 person.

20 "§9-11-45.

21 "(a) ~~Whoever~~ Unless a person is properly licensed  
22 for a particular activity under the Wildlife Heritage License,  
23 any person who hunts on state operated wildlife management  
24 areas in this state shall pay a special annual license fee of  
25 fifteen dollars (\$15) in addition to the amount of the ~~state,~~  
26 ~~county,~~ resident or nonresident's licenses specified in  
27 Sections 9-11-44 to 9-11-49, inclusive, payment of which shall

1 be evidenced by a stamp, license, big game tag system, or  
2 other appropriate method as the Commissioner of Conservation  
3 and Natural Resources may prescribe.

4 "(b) The issuing officer or authority shall be  
5 allowed a fee of one dollar (\$1) for each special license  
6 issued by him or her, which issuing fee shall be in addition  
7 to the cost of the special license. In counties where the  
8 judge of probate or issuing officer is on the fee system, the  
9 issuing fee shall be retained by the judge of probate or  
10 issuing officer, and in counties where the issuing officer or  
11 judge of probate is on a salary basis, the fee shall be paid  
12 to the county treasury; provided, that the license established  
13 by this section shall not be required of any Alabama resident  
14 who is 65 years of age or older or who is ~~15 years of age or~~  
15 ~~younger~~ less than 16. The license fees and issuance fees  
16 provided for in this section shall be subject to adjustment as  
17 provided for in Section 2 of the act adding this language.

18 "(c) All license fees collected under this section  
19 shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the  
20 Game and Fish Fund and shall be expended in the operation of  
21 the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries program,  
22 including the acquiring of additional conservation officers  
23 and the expansion of public hunting areas.

24 "(d) Whoever uses a Division of Wildlife and  
25 Freshwater Fisheries shooting range ~~on state-operated wildlife~~  
26 ~~management areas~~ and who is ~~required to have a valid hunting~~  
27 ~~license in order to hunt~~ age 16 through 64 shall hold a valid

1 license issued pursuant to this section, the wildlife heritage  
2 license issued pursuant to Section 4 of the act adding this  
3 language, or a valid license issued pursuant to Sections  
4 9-11-44 to 9-11-49, inclusive.

5 "(e) Whoever hunts on state-operated wildlife  
6 management areas without first obtaining the proper hunting  
7 license and the special license required in this section or  
8 the wildlife heritage license issued pursuant to Section 4 of  
9 the act adding this language if applicable, or whoever  
10 utilizes a Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries  
11 ~~shooting range on state-operated wildlife management areas~~ in  
12 this state in violation of this section, is guilty of a  
13 misdemeanor, punishable as prescribed in Section 9-11-51.

14 "§9-11-46.

15 "Any nonresident of this state who is 16 years old  
16 or older shall procure an annual "small game only" hunting  
17 license to hunt all legal game in this state except deer and  
18 turkey by filing an application with the Commissioner of  
19 Conservation and Natural Resources or any judge of probate or  
20 other person authorized to issue the license, stating his or  
21 her age, race, place of residence and post office address and  
22 after paying to the person issuing the license a fee of  
23 ~~seventy-five dollars (\$75)~~ eighty-eight dollars (\$88), plus a  
24 two dollars (\$2) issuance fee, which fees shall be subject to  
25 adjustment as provided for in Section 2 of the act adding this  
26 language.

27 "§9-11-47.

1           "Any nonresident of this state who is 16 years old  
2 or older shall procure an annual "all game hunt license" to  
3 hunt all legal game in this state by filing an application  
4 with the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources or  
5 any judge of probate or other person authorized to issue the  
6 license, stating his or her age, race, place of residence and  
7 post office address and after paying to the person issuing the  
8 license a fee of ~~two hundred fifty dollars (\$250)~~ two hundred  
9 seventy-three dollars (\$273), plus a two dollars (\$2) issuance  
10 fee, which fees shall be subject to adjustment as provided for  
11 in Section 2 of the act adding this language.

12           "Every person making application for a nonresident  
13 ~~game hunting~~ license as provided in this section and Sections  
14 9-11-46, 9-11-48, and 9-11-49 shall provide a valid driver  
15 license number or, in the case of nondrivers, proof of  
16 permanent residence. All nonresident ~~game hunting~~ licenses  
17 shall bear the driver license number of the licensee and the  
18 state where the license was issued, except in the case of  
19 nondrivers, and all licenses shall bear proof of residence as  
20 required by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural  
21 Resources.

22           "Every person who obtains a nonresident ~~game hunting~~  
23 license without providing a valid driver license number or in  
24 the case of nondrivers, proof of permanent residence, shall be  
25 punished by a fine of not less than twice the applicable  
26 license fee.

1           ~~"The issuing officer or authority shall be allowed a~~  
2 ~~fee of two dollars (\$2) for each nonresident license issued by~~  
3 ~~him or her as provided in this section and Sections 9-11-46,~~  
4 ~~9-11-48, and 9-11-49, which issuing fee shall be in addition~~  
5 ~~to the cost of the license.~~

6           "§9-11-48.

7           "Any nonresident of this state who is 16 years old  
8 or older shall, in lieu of the small game license provided for  
9 in Section 9-11-46, procure one of the following "trip small  
10 game" hunting licenses to hunt all legal game in this state  
11 except deer and turkey, the procurement of which shall be in  
12 the same manner as provided for procuring nonresident annual  
13 hunting licenses provided for in Sections 9-11-46 and 9-11-47  
14 by paying the license fees herein specified, which licenses  
15 will authorize the holder of the license to hunt in this state  
16 for a period of days specified on the license from the day the  
17 license was issued:

18           "(1) A "nonresident small game 10-day trip hunting  
19 license," the cost of which shall be ~~forty-five dollars (\$45).~~  
20 fifty-three dollars (\$53), plus a two dollars (\$2) issuance  
21 fee, which fees shall be subject to adjustment as provided for  
22 in Section 2 of the act adding this language. This license  
23 shall be valid for those legal hunting hours occurring during  
24 the then current license year for a period not to exceed 240  
25 consecutive hours from the beginning date and time, as  
26 selected and designated by the licensee to the issuing agent  
27 at the time of issuance.

1           "(2) A "nonresident small game 3-day trip hunting  
2 license," the cost of which shall be ~~thirty dollars (\$30)~~  
3 thirty-eight dollars (\$38), plus a two dollars (\$2) issuance  
4 fee, which fees shall be subject to adjustment as provided for  
5 in Section 2 of the act adding this language. This license  
6 shall be valid for those legal hunting hours occurring during  
7 the then current license year for a period not to exceed 72  
8 consecutive hours from the beginning date and time, as  
9 selected and designated by the licensee to the issuing agent  
10 at the time of issuance.

11           "\$9-11-49.

12           "Any nonresident of this state who is 16 years or  
13 older shall, in lieu of the all game license provided for in  
14 Section 9-11-47, procure one of the following "trip all game"  
15 hunting licenses to hunt all legal game in this state, the  
16 procurement of which shall be in the same manner as provided  
17 for procuring the nonresident annual hunting licenses provided  
18 for in Sections 9-11-46 and 9-11-47, by paying the license  
19 fees herein specified, which licenses will authorize the  
20 holder of the license to hunt in this state for a period of  
21 days specified on the license from the day the license was  
22 issued:

23           "(1) A "nonresident all game 10-day trip hunting  
24 license," the cost of which shall be ~~one hundred twenty-five~~  
25 ~~dollars (\$125).~~ one hundred sixty-eight dollars (\$168), plus a  
26 two dollars (\$2) issuance fee, which fees shall be subject to  
27 adjustment as provided for in Section 2 of the act adding this



1 language. This license shall be valid for those legal hunting  
2 hours occurring during the then current license year for a  
3 period not to exceed 240 consecutive hours from the beginning  
4 date and time, as selected and designated by the licensee to  
5 the issuing agent at the time of issuance.

6           "(2) A "nonresident all game 3-day trip hunting  
7 license," the cost of which shall be ~~seventy-five dollars~~  
8 ~~(\$75)~~. one hundred eighteen dollars (\$118), plus a two dollars  
9 (\$2) issuance fee, which fees shall be subject to adjustment  
10 as provided for in Section 14 of the act adding this language.  
11 This license shall be valid for those legal hunting hours  
12 occurring during the then current license year for a period  
13 not to exceed 72 consecutive hours from the beginning date and  
14 time, as selected and designated by the licensee to the  
15 issuing agent at the time of issuance.

16           "§9-11-51.

17           "(a) Any person other than a nonresident who hunts  
18 in this state or who utilizes a Division of Wildlife and  
19 Freshwater Fisheries shooting range without the required  
20 hunting license shall be guilty of a Class C misdemeanor,  
21 punishable by a fine of not less than seventy-five dollars  
22 (\$75) nor more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for each  
23 offense. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a hunting license  
24 shall not be required for a resident or resident member of the  
25 immediate family who hunts on lands owned by him or her, nor  
26 shall a hunting license be required for a tenant or a member  
27 of the tenant's immediate family who hunts on lands leased or

1 rented by him or her provided the hunter resides on the lands  
2 nor of any resident of this state on active military duty who  
3 is in this state on leave and who has proof of that status in  
4 his or her possession. ~~on lands other than he owns and~~  
5 ~~permanently resides thereon or rents or leases strictly for~~  
6 ~~growing agricultural crops as a means of a livelihood and~~  
7 ~~resides on such lands without first obtaining a county hunting~~  
8 ~~license permitting him to do so, or who hunts outside of the~~  
9 ~~county in which he actually resides without first obtaining a~~  
10 ~~state hunting license permitting him to do so, or who lends or~~  
11 ~~transfers his hunting license to another shall be guilty of a~~  
12 ~~misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine~~  
13 ~~of not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$25.00 for each offense;~~  
14 ~~provided, that all landowners and landlords and members of~~  
15 ~~their immediate families residing and having their permanent~~  
16 ~~residence with them may hunt upon their own land on which they~~  
17 ~~reside and have their permanent residence without a license;~~  
18 ~~and tenants and members of their immediate families living and~~  
19 ~~having their permanent residence with them may hunt upon the~~  
20 ~~lands which they rent strictly for agricultural purposes as a~~  
21 ~~means of livelihood and on which they permanently reside~~  
22 ~~without a license.~~

23 "(b) Any person other than a nonresident who lends  
24 or transfers his or her hunting license to another shall be  
25 guilty of a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not  
26 less than seventy-five dollars (\$75) nor more than two hundred  
27 fifty dollars (\$250) for each offense.

1           "~~(b)~~ (c) Any nonresident of the state who hunts in  
2 this state without first obtaining a nonresident hunting  
3 license permitting him to do so, or who lends or transfers his  
4 hunting license to another shall be guilty of a misdemeanor  
5 and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less  
6 than three times the cost of the nonresident annual license  
7 without which he was convicted of hunting.

8           "§9-11-53.

9           "(a) Any person who has been a bona fide resident of  
10 this state for a period of not less than 90 days next  
11 preceding and who is age 16 or older, but who has not yet  
12 reached the age of 65, shall not take, catch, kill or attempt  
13 to take, catch, or kill any fish in any of the waters of this  
14 state above that line defined in Rule 220-2-.42 (1) of the  
15 Department of Conservation and Natural Resources as published  
16 in the Alabama Administrative Code, as well as below that line  
17 in any of the ponds or lakes containing freshwater fish,  
18 subject to the exceptions contained herein, by ~~angling with~~  
19 ~~rod and reel or by use of any artificial bait, fly, or lure~~  
20 any means, except designated commercial fishing gear and wire  
21 baskets, expressly allowed by law or regulation without first  
22 procuring an ~~annual freshwater fishing license~~ Annual Resident  
23 Freshwater Fishing License and paying therefor the sum of  
24 ~~eight dollars fifty cents (\$8.50).~~ eleven dollars (\$11), plus  
25 a one dollar (\$1) issuance fee, which fees shall be subject to  
26 adjustment as provided for in Section 2 of the act adding this  
27 language. All persons making application for the license

1 provided for in this section shall present a valid Alabama  
2 driver's license or in the case of nondrivers proof of  
3 permanent residence. All licenses required by this section  
4 shall bear the Alabama driver's license number of the  
5 licensee, except in the case of nondrivers and active duty  
6 military personnel stationed in Alabama and their spouses and  
7 dependents who reside with them, and all licenses shall bear  
8 proof of residence as required by the Commissioner of  
9 Conservation and Natural Resources. Notwithstanding the  
10 foregoing, a member of the United States military stationed in  
11 Alabama on active duty, and his or her spouse and their  
12 dependents who reside with them, shall be deemed an Alabama  
13 resident for the purpose of procuring this license. Any  
14 ~~resident angling with hook and line in the waters of this~~  
15 ~~state outside his or her county of residence shall procure the~~  
16 ~~annual freshwater fishing license. Any resident who procures a~~  
17 ~~rod and reel license, however, shall be entitled to fish with~~  
18 ~~a hook and line without the necessity of procuring an~~  
19 ~~additional license. Active duty military personnel stationed~~  
20 in Alabama and their spouses and dependents who reside with  
21 them shall provide military orders that assign them to  
22 Alabama. These licenses shall be issued in the manner and  
23 under the conditions, limitations, and exemptions as expressly  
24 provided for in this section. Persons obtaining the annual  
25 resident freshwater fishing license shall also be entitled to  
26 all of the privileges of the wildlife heritage license.

1           "(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any  
2     resident 64 years of age procuring a ~~state or county~~ resident  
3     freshwater fishing license pursuant to this section shall be  
4     issued the license on a lifetime basis. License fees from the  
5     sale of a lifetime license pursuant to this subsection to a  
6     resident age 64 shall be deposited to the credit of the  
7     Alabama Game and Fish Endowment Fund within the Game and Fish  
8     Fund.

9           "(c) A fishing license shall not be transferable,  
10    and it shall be unlawful to borrow, lend, or alter any fishing  
11    license, ~~provide false information in the process of obtaining~~  
12    ~~any license~~, or for any license-issuing officer to ~~backdate~~  
13    falsify any license at the time of issuing the license. A  
14    violation of this subsection shall constitute a Class B  
15    misdemeanor punishable as provided by law.

16          "(d) Any citizen of this state who is entitled to  
17    purchase a fishing license as provided for in this section may  
18    procure a license by applying to any judge of probate, license  
19    commissioner, or other persons authorized and designated to  
20    issue fishing licenses, stating his or her name, age, place of  
21    residence, and post office address, and paying to the issuing  
22    officer the amount required in this section for the license.  
23    Judges of probate, license commissioners, or other persons  
24    authorized and designated to issue fishing licenses shall be  
25    entitled to ~~a fee of one dollar (\$1)~~ the issuance fee set out  
26    herein for each license so issued, which fee shall be in  
27    addition to the amount designated in this section as the cost

1 of the license. All fees collected by any judge of probate or  
2 license commissioner who is paid a salary for the performance  
3 of his or her duties shall be paid into the county treasury to  
4 the credit of the appropriate fund.

5 "(e) All persons under the age of 16 years shall be  
6 exempted from the requirement of procuring a license. Any  
7 resident of this state ~~over~~ 65 years of age and older shall be  
8 exempted from the requirement of procuring a fishing license  
9 as provided for in this section, provided that the resident  
10 has on his or her person while fishing, a valid Alabama  
11 driver's license, or, in the case of nondrivers, proof of  
12 permanent Alabama residence and age.

13 ~~"(f) The Department of Conservation and Natural~~  
14 ~~Resources is directed to enter into a reciprocal agreement~~  
15 ~~with the State of Florida to exempt residents of Alabama over~~  
16 ~~65 years of age from the requirement of procuring a license in~~  
17 ~~Florida by exempting residents of Florida over 65 years of age~~  
18 ~~from the requirement of procuring a license in Alabama.~~

19 "(f) Every person who obtains an annual resident  
20 freshwater fishing license without presenting a valid Alabama  
21 driver's license or in the case of nondrivers proof of  
22 permanent residence, or who provides any false information in  
23 the process of procuring the license, shall be guilty of a  
24 Class B misdemeanor punishable as provided by law.

25 "(g) The licenses required by this section shall not  
26 apply to a resident of this state on active military duty who  
27 is in this state on leave and who has proof of that status in

1 his or her possession, nor to any person who fishes in a  
2 private pond. The license required by this section shall not  
3 apply to any person fishing from the bank with an ordinary  
4 hook and line in his or her county of residence. A person who  
5 fishes from the bank with ordinary hook and line in his or her  
6 own county of residence shall be required to have on his or  
7 her person, while so fishing, a reasonable proof of residency  
8 in the county. In addition, the licenses required by this  
9 section shall not apply to persons exempt from fishing license  
10 requirements while fishing at commercial fee fishing ponds  
11 pursuant to the provisions of Article 17 of this chapter.

12 "(h) The revenue derived from the sale of the  
13 license provided for in this section shall be remitted to the  
14 Department of Conservation and Natural Resources on the first  
15 day of each month by the issuing officer and shall be  
16 deposited into the State Treasury to the credit of the Game  
17 and Fish Fund and shall be used in the construction,  
18 maintenance, development, and supervision of public fishing  
19 lakes, for the purchase of lands to be used for public  
20 landings on public streams and for the development,  
21 protection, propagation, and distribution of fish and wildlife  
22 of this state.

23 "(i) ~~Any~~ Except as otherwise provided in this  
24 section, any person who violates this section shall be guilty  
25 of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be  
26 punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50) nor  
27 more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for each offense.

1               "§9-11-55.

2               "Nonresidents of the state 16 years of age or older  
3 shall not take, catch, kill or attempt to take, catch, or kill  
4 any fish in any of the fresh waters of this state without  
5 first procuring an annual nonresident freshwater fishing  
6 license which shall authorize the holder to fish in any  
7 legally available fresh waters of this state, by filing with  
8 any person authorized to issue the license an affidavit  
9 stating the applicant's age, place of residence, and  
10 post-office address and after paying to the person issuing the  
11 license a fee of ~~\$30~~ forty-four dollars (\$44), plus a one  
12 dollar (\$1) issuance fee, which fees shall be subject to  
13 adjustment as provided for in Section 2 of the act adding this  
14 language. The license fees for residents of the states of  
15 Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Tennessee, and Mississippi shall,  
16 upon submittal of a valid driver's license issued by one of  
17 those states or in the case of nondrivers proof of residency  
18 of one of those states, be the same as the license fees  
19 charged Alabama residents for similar licenses in those states  
20 in the event the state charges Alabama residents more than  
21 Alabama charges residents from that state. Licenses shall not  
22 be required of persons properly licensed for trip fishing  
23 under Section 9-11-56.

24               "The issuing officer or authority or special agent  
25 shall be allowed ~~a fee of \$1~~ the issuance fee set out herein  
26 for each license issued by him or her, which issuing fee shall  
27 be in addition to the cost of the license. In counties where



1 the probate judge or issuing officer is on the fee system, the  
2 issuing fee shall be retained by the probate judge or issuing  
3 officer, and in counties where the probate judge or issuing  
4 officer is on a salary basis, the fee shall be paid by him or  
5 her into the county treasury to the credit of the appropriate  
6 fund.

7 "All of the license fees shall be deposited in the  
8 State Treasury to the credit of the Game and Fish Fund.

9 "Any person who violates this section is guilty of a  
10 Class C misdemeanor punishable as provided by law except  
11 that the minimum fine shall not be less than \$50.

12 "§9-11-56.

13 "Any nonresident of this state 16 years of age or  
14 older shall not take, catch, kill or attempt to take, catch,  
15 or kill any fish in any of the fresh waters of this state for  
16 a period of seven consecutive days or less without first  
17 procuring a trip fishing license in the same manner provided  
18 for other licenses provided in this article, by paying the sum  
19 of ~~\$10~~ twenty-four dollars (\$24), plus a one dollar (\$1)  
20 issuance fee, which fees shall be subject to adjustment as  
21 provided for in Section 2 of the act adding this language,  
22 which license will authorize the holder thereof to fish in any  
23 of the otherwise legally available fresh waters of this state  
24 ~~for a period of seven days from the day the license was issued~~  
25 during those hours occurring during the then current license  
26 year for a period not to exceed 168 consecutive hours from the  
27 beginning date and time, as selected and designated by the

1 licensee to the issuing agent at the time of issuance. The  
2 license fees for residents of the states of Florida, Georgia,  
3 Louisiana, Tennessee, and Mississippi shall, upon submittal of  
4 a valid driver's license issued by one of those states or in  
5 the case of nondrivers proof of residency of one of those  
6 states, be the same as the license fees charged Alabama  
7 residents for similar licenses in those states in the event  
8 the state charges Alabama residents more than Alabama charges  
9 residents from that state. In the event no similar license  
10 exists in any of those states, residents of the states shall  
11 not be permitted to procure a trip fishing license in the  
12 State of Alabama. The license shall not be required of persons  
13 properly licensed under Section 9-11-55.

14 "The issuing officer or authority or special agent  
15 shall be allowed ~~a fee of \$1~~ the issuance fee set out herein  
16 for each license issued by him or her, which issuing fee shall  
17 be in addition to the cost of the license. In counties where  
18 the probate judge or issuing officer is on the fee system, the  
19 issuing fee shall be retained by the probate judge or issuing  
20 officer, and in counties where the probate judge or issuing  
21 officer is on a salary basis, the fee shall be paid by him or  
22 her into the county treasury to the credit of the appropriate  
23 fund.

24 "All of the license fee shall be deposited in the  
25 State Treasury to the credit of the Game and Fish Fund.

26 "Any person who violates any of the provisions of  
27 this section is guilty of a Class C misdemeanor punishable

1 as provided by law except that the minimum fine shall not be  
2 less than \$50.

3 "§9-11-65.

4 "(a) Any ~~person who is required by Section 9-11-44~~  
5 ~~to purchase an annual resident hunting license before such~~  
6 ~~person is entitled to hunt in this state,~~ Alabama resident  
7 meeting the residency requirements set out in Section 9-11-44  
8 may in lieu thereof of the resident all-game hunting license  
9 purchase a lifetime resident hunting license by filing an  
10 application in the office of the Commissioner of the  
11 Department of Conservation and Natural Resources on the form  
12 prescribed by said commissioner and paying therefor a license  
13 fee of \$300.00, which shall include the cost of issuance the  
14 following license fees which shall include a one dollar (\$1)  
15 issuance fee, which fees shall be subject to adjustment as  
16 provided for in Section 2 of the act adding this language:  
17 Persons less than two years old, three hundred dollars (\$300);  
18 persons age two through 11, four hundred dollars (\$400);  
19 persons age 12 through 49, five hundred dollars (\$500); and  
20 persons age 50 and above, three hundred dollars (\$300).

21 "(b) Any ~~person who is required by Section 9-11-53~~  
22 ~~to purchase an annual resident state fishing license before~~  
23 ~~such person is entitled to fish in this state,~~ Alabama  
24 resident meeting the residency requirements set out in Section  
25 9-11-53 may in lieu thereof of the annual resident freshwater  
26 fishing license purchase a lifetime resident freshwater  
27 fishing license by filing an application in the office of the

1 Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural  
2 Resources on the form prescribed by said commissioner and  
3 paying therefor ~~a license fee of \$150.00, which shall include~~  
4 ~~the cost of issuance~~ the following license fees which shall  
5 include a one dollar (\$1) issuance fee, which fees shall be  
6 subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 2 of the act  
7 adding this language: Persons less than two years old, one  
8 hundred fifty dollars (\$150); persons age two through 11, two  
9 hundred dollars (\$200); persons age 12 through 49, two hundred  
10 fifty dollars (\$250); and persons age 50 and above, one  
11 hundred fifty dollars (\$150).

12 "(c) In lieu of purchasing the licenses provided for  
13 in subsections (a) and (b) of this section separately, any  
14 person may purchase a combination lifetime resident hunting  
15 and freshwater fishing license by filing an application in the  
16 office of the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation  
17 and Natural Resources on the form prescribed by said  
18 commissioner and paying therefor ~~a license fee of \$450.00,~~  
19 ~~which shall include the cost of issuance~~ the following license  
20 fees which shall include a one dollar (\$1) issuance fee, which  
21 fees shall be subject to adjustment as provided for in Section  
22 2 of the act adding this language: Persons less than two years  
23 old, four hundred fifty dollars (\$450); persons age two  
24 through 11, five hundred dollars (\$500); persons age 12  
25 through 49, seven hundred dollars (\$700); and persons age 50  
26 and above, four hundred fifty dollars (\$450).

1           "(d) The holder of a valid lifetime hunting or  
2           lifetime freshwater fishing license shall also be entitled to  
3           all of the privileges of the Wildlife Heritage License.

4           ~~"(d)~~ (e) Notwithstanding any law or regulation to  
5           the contrary, nonresidents of the State of Alabama shall not  
6           be entitled to the licenses provided for in this section.

7           "§9-11-65.2.

8           "(a) Any ~~person who is required by Section 9-11-53.1~~  
9           ~~to purchase an annual resident saltwater fishing license, in~~  
10          ~~lieu thereof,~~ Alabama resident meeting the residency  
11          requirements set out in Section 9-11-53.1, in lieu of the  
12          annual resident saltwater fishing license provided for in  
13          Section 9-11-53.1, may purchase a lifetime resident saltwater  
14          fishing license by filing an application in the office of the  
15          Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural  
16          Resources on the form prescribed and paying ~~a license fee of~~  
17          ~~two hundred fifty dollars (\$250), which shall include the cost~~  
18          ~~of issuance~~ the following license fees which shall include a  
19          one dollar (\$1) issuance fee, which fees shall be subject to  
20          adjustment as provided for in Section 2 of the act adding this  
21          language: Persons less than two years old, two hundred fifty  
22          dollars (\$250); persons age two through 11, three hundred  
23          dollars (\$300); persons age 12 through 49, three hundred fifty  
24          dollars (\$350); and persons age 50 and above, two hundred  
25          fifty dollars (\$250). The license fees collected pursuant to  
26          this subsection shall be credited to the Alabama Marine  
27          Resources Endowment Fund.

1           "(b) In lieu of obtaining the licenses provided for  
2       in subsection (a) hereof and in subsection (b) of Section  
3       9-11-65, any person may purchase a combination lifetime  
4       resident freshwater and saltwater fishing license by filing an  
5       application in the office of the Commissioner of the  
6       Department of Conservation and Natural Resources on the form  
7       prescribed and paying ~~a license fee of four hundred dollars~~  
8       ~~(\$400), which shall include the cost of issuance. One hundred~~  
9       ~~fifty dollars (\$150) of the fee shall be credited to the~~  
10      following license fees which shall include a one dollar (\$1)  
11      issuance fee, which fees shall be subject to adjustment as  
12      provided for in Section 2 of the act adding this language:  
13      Persons less than two years old, four hundred dollars (\$400);  
14      persons age two through 11, five hundred dollars (\$500);  
15      persons age 12 through 49, six hundred dollars (\$600); and  
16      persons age 50 and above, four hundred dollars (\$400). License  
17      fees shall be credited as follows: That portion of the license  
18      fee representing the amount of the lifetime resident  
19      freshwater fishing license as provided for in subsection (b)  
20      of Section 9-11-65 shall be credited to the Alabama Game and  
21      Fish Endowment Fund, and ~~two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) of~~  
22      ~~the fee shall be credited to~~ that portion of the license fee  
23      representing the amount of the lifetime resident saltwater  
24      fishing license as provided for in subsection (a) hereof shall  
25      be credited to the Alabama Marine Resources Endowment Fund.  
26      Section 9-2-20 shall not apply to those fees designated in

1       this section for credit to the Alabama Marine Resources  
2       Endowment Fund.

3               "(c) In lieu of obtaining the licenses provided for  
4       in subsections (a) and (b) hereof and in subsection (a) of  
5       Section 9-11-65, any person may purchase a combination  
6       lifetime resident saltwater fishing and hunting license by  
7       filing an application in the office of the Commissioner of the  
8       Department of Conservation and Natural Resources on the form  
9       prescribed and paying ~~a license fee of five hundred fifty~~  
10      ~~dollars (\$550), which shall include the cost of issuance. the~~  
11      following license fees which shall include a one dollar (\$1)  
12      issuance fee, which fees shall be subject to adjustment as  
13      provided for in Section 2 of the act adding this language:  
14      Persons less than two years old, five hundred fifty dollars  
15      (\$550); persons age two through 11, seven hundred dollars  
16      (\$700); persons age 12 through 49, eight hundred fifty dollars  
17      (\$850); and persons age 50 and above, five hundred fifty  
18      dollars (\$550). License fees shall be credited as follows:  
19      That portion of the license fee representing the amount of the  
20      lifetime resident hunting license as provided for in  
21      subsection (a) of Section 9-11-65 shall be credited to Three  
22      ~~hundred dollars (\$300) of the fee shall be credited to the~~  
23      Alabama Game and Fish Endowment Fund, and that portion of the  
24      license fee representing the amount of the lifetime resident  
25      saltwater fishing license as provided for in subsection (a)  
26      hereof shall be credited to two hundred fifty dollars (\$250)  
27      ~~of the fee shall be credited to the Alabama Marine Resources~~

1 Endowment Fund. Section 9-2-20 shall not apply to those fees  
2 designated in this section for credit to the Alabama Marine  
3 Resources Endowment Fund.

4 "(d) In lieu of obtaining the license provided for  
5 in ~~subsections (a), (b), and (c)~~ subsection (a) hereof and in  
6 subsection (c) of Section 9-11-65, any person may purchase a  
7 combination lifetime resident freshwater and saltwater fishing  
8 and hunting license by filing an application in the office of  
9 the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural  
10 Resources on the form prescribed and paying ~~a license fee of~~  
11 ~~seven hundred dollars (\$700), which shall include the cost of~~  
12 ~~issuance.~~ the following license fees which shall include a one  
13 dollar (\$1) issuance fee, which fees shall be subject to  
14 adjustment as provided for in Section 2 of the act adding this  
15 language: Persons less than two years old, seven hundred  
16 dollars (\$700); persons age two through 11, eight hundred  
17 dollars (\$800); persons age 12 through 49, one thousand fifty  
18 dollars (\$1,050); and persons age 50 and above, seven hundred  
19 dollars (\$700). License fees shall be credited as follows:  
20 That portion of the license fee representing the amount of the  
21 combination lifetime resident hunting and freshwater fishing  
22 license as provided for in subsection (c) of Section 9-11-65  
23 shall be credited to ~~Four hundred fifty dollars (\$450) of the~~  
24 ~~fee shall be credited to~~ the Alabama Game and Fish Endowment  
25 Fund, and that portion of the license fee representing the  
26 amount of the lifetime resident saltwater fishing license as  
27 provided for in subsection (a) hereof ~~two hundred fifty~~



1     ~~dollars (\$250) of the fee~~ shall be credited to the Alabama  
2     Marine Resources Endowment Fund. Section 9-2-20 shall not  
3     apply to those fees designated in this section for credit to  
4     the Alabama Marine Resources Endowment Fund."

5             Section 2. Beginning with the license year October  
6     1, 2010, and each license year thereafter, those license fees  
7     and issuance fees specified in this act shall be subject to a  
8     possible cost adjustment based on the following procedure: By  
9     the end of November of 2009, and each November thereafter, the  
10    Director of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries  
11    of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, with  
12    the approval of the Commissioner of the Department of  
13    Conservation and Natural Resources, may submit to the Chairman  
14    of the Conservation Advisory Board, a recommendation of an  
15    increase in the license fees and issuance fees for the  
16    licenses, based on the percentage increase in the Consumer  
17    Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) (All Items- U.S.  
18    City Average) maintained by the U.S. Department of Labor,  
19    Bureau of Labor Statistics, for the immediately preceding  
20    yearly period of October to October, rounded down to the  
21    nearest nickel. The recommendation shall be subject to the  
22    approval of the Conservation Advisory Board on or before the  
23    end of March of each year. If the increase is approved by the  
24    Conservation Advisory Board, the board through its secretary,  
25    by the end of March of each year, shall submit the board's  
26    recommendation to the chairman of the Legislative Council, for  
27    the Legislative Council's review and approval. In the event

1 the recommendation is not disapproved by the Legislative  
2 Council by the end of April of each year, the recommendation  
3 of the board shall be deemed to be approved. In the event one  
4 or more years elapses during which there is no adjustment as  
5 provided for herein, the same procedure may be followed to  
6 obtain a net cumulative increase since the previous increase.

7 Section 3. (a) No person shall hunt, fish, or trap  
8 in areas or under any conditions that a hunting, fishing, or  
9 trapping license is required by law, during any period that  
10 the person's hunting, fishing, and trapping privileges  
11 pursuant to the license have been revoked or suspended by a  
12 court of competent jurisdiction.

13 (b) Unless specifically otherwise authorized by law,  
14 all hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses issued pursuant to  
15 this chapter shall not be transferable, and it shall be  
16 unlawful to borrow, lend, or alter any such license, provide  
17 false information in the process of obtaining any such  
18 license, or for any license-issuing officer to falsify any  
19 license at the time of issuing the license.

20 (c) A violation of this section shall be a Class B  
21 misdemeanor punishable as provided by law.

22 Section 4. There is established a Wildlife Heritage  
23 License. This license shall have a fee of nine dollars (\$9),  
24 plus an issuance fee of one dollar (\$1), which fees shall be  
25 subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 2 of this  
26 act, if purchased separately from one of the other licenses.  
27 The wildlife heritage license shall enable all Alabama

1 residents age 16 through 64 to do the following: Fish those  
2 waters under the jurisdiction of the Division of Wildlife and  
3 Freshwater Fisheries as provided under Rule 220-2-.42, Alabama  
4 Administrative Code, with a hook and line from the bank in  
5 other than the person's county of residence; fish in Division  
6 of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries operated public fishing  
7 lakes, provided that the person obtains the required permit;  
8 hunt small game, except waterfowl, on Division of Wildlife and  
9 Freshwater Fisheries Wildlife Management Areas; shoot on  
10 Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries shooting ranges;  
11 and provide a means to contribute to the conservation of all  
12 wildlife species. The requirements for the issuance of the  
13 Wildlife Heritage License shall be as provided in subsection  
14 (c) of Section 9-11-44, Code of Alabama 1975. The wildlife  
15 heritage license may be issued on a lifetime basis for a  
16 license fee of two hundred dollars (\$200) which shall include  
17 a one dollar (\$1) issuance fee, which fees shall be subject to  
18 adjustment as provided for in Section 2 of this act.

19 Section 5. All Department of Conservation and  
20 Natural Resources revenues generated as a result of this act  
21 are hereby appropriated to the use of the Department of  
22 Conservation and Natural Resources for those lawful purposes  
23 for which the funds may be expended.

24 Section 6. Sections 9-11-53.2, 9-11-53.4, 9-11-56.3,  
25 9-11-57, 9-11-65.1, and 9-11-67, Code of Alabama 1975, are  
26 hereby repealed in their entirety.

1           Section 7. Although this bill would have as its  
2           purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased  
3           expenditure of local funds, the bill is excluded from further  
4           requirements and application under Amendment 621, now  
5           appearing as Section 111.05 of the Official Recompilation of  
6           the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, because the  
7           bill defines a new crime or amends the definition of an  
8           existing crime.

9           Section 8. This bill shall be known as the "Wildlife  
10          Heritage Act of 2007."

11          Section 9. This act shall become effective September  
12          1, 2007, following its passage and approval by the Governor,  
13          or its otherwise becoming law.